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Watershed Management and River Restoration Programs										
LA County Department of Public Works	LA River Master Plan	Gateway Cities North LA County Arroyo Verdugo Los Angeles City Westside Cities Las Virgenes/Malibu	Los Angeles	1996 (Plan)	The Los Angeles River Master Plan provides for the optimization and enhancement of aesthetic, recreational, flood control and environmental values by creating a community resource, enriching the quality of life for residents, and recognizing the river's primary purpose for flood control.	Revitalization of LA River Watershed Flood control	County Government	Planning	yes	Tujunga Wash Greenway Ballona Creek Trail Pan Pacific Park Elysian Valley Gateway Park All American Park Avalon Pump Station
City of Los Angeles	LA River Revitalization Master Plan	Gateway Cities North LA County Arroyo Verdugo Los Angeles City Westside Cities Las Virgenes/Malibu	Los Angeles	2007	The 18-month Revitalization planning process will look at improvements along the project area that are aimed towards celebrating neighborhoods, protecting wildlife, promoting the health of the river, and leveraging economic development.	Revitalization of LA River Watershed Flood control	City Government	Planning	yes	
Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR)	La Gran Limpieza Riverwatch River School River Walks	Gateway Cities Los Angeles City Arroyo Verdugo	Los Angeles	1986	Protect and restore the natural and historic heritage of the Los Angeles River and its riparian habitat	River and watershed revitalization and clean-up	Nonprofit Organization	Inclusive planning Education Stewardship	no	Mobilized efforts to create a community park at the Cornfield Yards Won the battle to create a State Park at Taylor Yard, with more than 2 miles of riverfront.
Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	N/A	Los Angeles City North LA County South Bay Cities COG Arroyo Verdugo Gateway Cities San Gabriel Valley	Los Angeles	1995	Facilitate an inclusive consensus process to preserve, restore, and enhance the economic, social, and ecological health of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed through education, research, and planning.	Watershed management Habitat restoration River revitalization Improve water quality	Nonprofit Organization	Partnerships Strategic planning Education Research	no	Wetlands Recovery Project Compton Creek WMP LA Basin Water Augmentation Study
Tujunga Watershed Council	N/A	North LA County Arroyo Verdugo	Los Angeles		To foster better understanding and stewardship of the Tujunga Watershed, ensure effective flood control, promote resource restoration, and to improve sustainable watershed health, functions, and uses.	Watershed management	Nonprofit Organization	Advocacy Public outreach	no	Protection of Hansen Dam Lakes
California Coastal Conservancy	Santa Clara River Parkway	North LA County	Los Angeles	2000 (project)	Acquire and restore floodplain lands within the Santa Clara River corridor.	River restoration	Government Entity	Land acquisition River revitalization	yes	Santa Clara River Parkway Floodplain Restoration Feasibility Study
Santa Ana River Watershed Alliance	N/A	SANBAG Western Riverside COG Orange County COG	Riverside San Bernardino Orange		Preserve, restore and enhance the Santa Ana River, its watershed and its natural, cultural and recreational resources.	Watershed management Ecosystem restoration Water-use efficiency Education and outreach	Stake-holder based	Committees Working Groups	no	Santa Ana River Trail Orange Coast River Park The Green Vision Project
San Jacinto River Watershed Council	N/A	SANBAG Western Riverside COG	Riverside San Bernardino		Provide educational, scientific, and technical assistance that will help sustain, restore, and enhance the natural resources of the San Jacinto River basin while promoting long-term social and economic vitality to the region.	Watershed management	Nonprofit Organization	Partnerships Research Outreach	no	
Sun Valley Watershed	N/A	Los Angeles City Arroyo Verdugo	Los Angeles	1998	Solve the local flooding problem while retaining all stormwater runoff from the watershed, increasing water conservation, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat, and reducing stormwater pollution.	Watershed management Flood mitigation Planning	Nonprofit Organization	Education	no	Sun Valley Park Sun Valley Middle School

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Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA)	N/A	Riverside SANBAG Orange County COG	Riverside San Bernardino	1968	Facilitate communication, identify emerging opportunities, secure funding, implement programs, build projects and operate and maintain facilities in the Santa Ana River Watershed.	Watershed management	Government Entity	Research Planning Outreach	no	
Open Space Conservancy Programs										
Arroyo Seco Foundation	N/A	Arroyo Verdugo Los Angeles City San Gabriel Valley	Los Angeles	1989 (revived)	Preserve and enhance the Arroyo Seco from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Los Angeles River, reforest our region and promote environmental and cultural awareness of one of Southern California's greatest natural resources.	Watershed protection Reforestation/Tree planting	Nonprofit Organization	Planning	no	Planted several thousand native trees Participated in and led major planning efforts Worked to restore and enhance the natural splendor of the Arroyo for future generations
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	N/A	Gateway Cities North LA County Arroyo Verdugo Los Angeles City Westside Cities Las Virgenes/Malibu	Los Angeles	1980	Strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance treasured pieces of Southern California.	Form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public	State of California program	Partnerships Strategic Planning	no	Preserved over 55,000 acres of parkland Improved more than 114 public recreational facilities
San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy	Common Ground	Gateway Cities North LA County Arroyo Verdugo Los Angeles City Westside Cities San Gabriel Valley	Los Angeles	1999	Preserve open space and habitat in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within our jurisdiction	Watershed protection River restoration Open Space Planning	State of California program	Partnerships Strategic Planning Grants Administration	no	
La Verne Land Conservancy	N/A	SANBAG	Los Angeles	Not available	Sustain the rich, natural and cultural heritage of La Verne through the preservation of its remaining natural habitat and conservation of open space for compatible recreational uses.	Land conservation	Nonprofit Organization	Partnerships Planning	no	Marshall Canyon Conservation Corridor
Riverside Land Conservancy	N/A	Western Riverside COG Orange County COG SANBAG	Riverside Orange San Bernardino Los Angeles	1988	Conservation of open space and natural areas, especially lands that link ecological preserves, parks and other wildlife refuges, conserve riparian habitats, or protect significant agricultural resources in Riverside.	Open space conversation	Conservancy	Transfer of land rights	no	Preservation of 8,000 acres of open space
San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	N/A	San Gabriel Valley Arroyo Verdugo North LA County	Los Angeles	1977	Promote the preservation of land and/or buildings for historic, educational, ecological, recreational, or open space opportunities.	Land conservation	Nonprofit Organization	Open space planning Conservation Education	no	Reconnecting the San Gabriel Valley Study Environmental Roundtables Watershed Management Plan Santa Fe Dam Nature Center
Laguna Canyon Foundation	N/A	Orange County COG	Orange	1991	Preserve the land within and around Laguna Canyon.	Land conservation	Nonprofit Organization	Open space conservation Fund-raising Planning	no	Initiated a regional approach to the coastal park system and created the South Coast Wilderness brochure as a guide to the parks within the 17,000-acre park system
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	N/A	Gateway Cities North LA County Arroyo Verdugo Los Angeles City Westside Cities Las Virgenes/Malibu	Los Angeles	1985	Preservation and management of local open space and parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat.	Land conservation	Government Entity	Land acquisition Regional planning Park construction Education	yes	King Gillette Ranch Planning Project



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Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR)	SOAR general plan measure City Urban Restrictions Boundary (CURB)	Ventura COG	Ventura	1995	Make Ventura County a better place to live by limiting urban sprawl, protecting open space and agricultural lands, and promoting livable and sustainable communities	Amend open space measures within city general plans	Nonprofit Organization	Grassroots community action Education Policy development Advocacy	no	Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan Santa Monica Mts. Comprehensive Plan Augustus & Hawkins Natural Park South LA Saving thousands of acres of farmland and open space from urban sprawl
Conejo Open Space Foundation	N/A	Ventura COG	Ventura	1995	Promote and maintain the open space and trail system of the Conejo Valley and educate residents as to their roles as custodians and protectors of the open space and the environment	Open space conversation Education	Nonprofit Organization	Trail maintenance/management Education	no	15,000 acres of open space acquired and managed
The Green Visions Plan for the 21st Century	N/A	Los Angeles City Gateway Cities Orange County COG South Bay Arroyo Verdugo San Gabriel Valley Westside Cities	Los Angeles		Provide a guide to habitat conservation, watershed health and recreational open space for the Los Angeles metropolitan region, and to design planning and decision-support tools to nurture a living green matrix for southern California.	Protect and restore natural areas Restore natural hydrological function Promote equitable access to open space Maximize support via multiple-use facilities	Joint Venture	Research Mapping	no	
Friends of Harbors, Beaches, Parks	N/A	Orange County COG	Orange		Promote, protect and enhance the harbors, beaches, parks, trails, open spaces, natural preserves, and historical sites in Orange County.	Land conservation	Nonprofit Organization		no	Orange Coast River Park Wetlands Recovery Project
Parks, Trails and Urban Land Initiatives										
Trust for Public Land	Parks for People Los Angeles	Gateway Cities South Bay Cities COG Westside Cities Los Angeles City Arroyo Verdugo North LA County	Los Angeles	1972	Provide new recreational opportunities for children in Los Angeles County.	Create 25 new parks over a five year period in the region's most underserved areas	Nonprofit Organization	Greenprinting Project Development Fundraising Marketing	no	Wilmington Greenway Midtown Farms Los Cerritos Wetlands Woodland Farms City of Industry Maywood Riverfront Park
Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust	N/A	Los Angeles City Gateway Cities North LA County	Los Angeles	Not available	Facilitate the creation of small, accessible community green and open space to address the inequity of open spaces in Los Angeles' underserved neighborhoods	Build new open spaces and gardens	Nonprofit Organization	Community planning	no	Estrella Park Watts Towers Park Ambassador Fields
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)	N/A	Los Angeles City Gateway Cities	Los Angeles	1994	Restore a sense of community ownership and identity to neighborhood main streets located along transportation corridors	Community work plans Fund-raising Community outreach Capacity-building	Nonprofit Organization	Community planning	no	NoHo Arts Park Byzantine Latino Quarter Jefferson Corridor
Northeast Trees	Trees for a Green LA Cool Schools (in cooperation with LADWP)	Los Angeles City	Los Angeles	1991	To connect people to our natural lands and waterways by designing and building environmentally sustainable open space projects, and through education and conservation planning.	Planting trees in public schools	Nonprofit Organization	Tree planting activities Education	no	Planted shade trees in 33 LAUSD public schools.
Friends of the Pacific Electric Trail	N/A	SANBAG	San Bernardino		Oversee the completion and enhancement of the Pacific Electric Trail, a 21 mile rail-trail conversion linking 6 cities in the Inland Empire area of Southern California.	Construction of a multi-purpose trail on an abandoned transit corridor	Nonprofit Organization	Advocacy Public outreach	no	Phase 1 of the project currently underway
Center of Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)	N/A	Statewide	Statewide	1999	Encourage and facilitate land recycling in ways that revitalize urban areas, discourage urban sprawl, and conserve green space.	Land recycling	Nonprofit Organization	Training Technical assistance Small grants Partnerships	no	Brownfields Assessment Study, City of Gardena San Pedro Welcome Park

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Urban Forestry Initiatives										
Tree People	Million Trees Initiative T.R.E.E.S.. Project	Los Angeles City Gateway Cities North LA County	Los Angeles	1976	Inspire the people of Los Angeles to take personal responsibility for the urban forest - educating, training and supporting them as they plant and care for trees and improve the neighborhoods in which they live, learn, work and play.	Tree-planting events Capacity-building Watershed restoration initiatives	Nonprofit Organization	Volunteer activities Education Advocacy	no	Million Trees Initiative, City of LA Coldwater Canyon Park Urban Tree Census Open Charter Elementary School Stormwater Project
City of Santa Monica Open Space Management Division	Community Forest Management Plan	Westside Cities	Los Angeles	2000 (project)	Policies and objectives related to the management of Santa Monica's urban forest.	Urban forestry	Government Entity	Planning	yes	Santa Monica's community forest is comprised of 32,771 trees located in public areas throughout the community.
Los Angeles Orange County Urban Forest Council	N/A	Gateway Cities North LA County Arroyo Verdugo Los Angeles City Westside Cities Las Virgenes/Malibu Orange County COG	Los Angeles Orange	2001	To optimize the urban and community forests in the Los Angeles Basin by planning and promoting sustainable policies and practices to achieve comprehensive regional management for the benefit of the region's communities and ecosystems.	Urban forestry	Partnership	Planning Advocacy	no	
California Urban Forest Council	United Voices for Healthier Communities	Orange County COG Western Riverside COG SANBAG	Orange Riverside San Bernardino	1984	The intent of this program is to plant 1,000 trees each in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties through cooperation with public agencies and community groups.	Urban forestry	Nonprofit Organization	Planning Advocacy	no	California Urban and Community Forests Summit Organized California's first National Urban Forestry Conference
San Diego Regional Energy Office	Cool Communities Shade Tree Program	Orange County COG	Orange		Give out 11,000 shade trees to single-family homes, multi-family buildings, and K-12 schools to SDG&E customers throughout Orange and San Diego counties.	Tree planting	Government Entity	Gift giving	no	Planted over 24,500 shade trees to date
Community Gardening Programs										
University of California Cooperative Extension	Common Ground Garden Program	All Los Angeles County Subregions	Los Angeles		Helps residents to garden, compost, grow their own food, and handle and preserve their food safely. Our targeted audience and priority are to serve low-income residents and those traditionally excluded, marginalized, or underrepresented in our programs.	Gardening education	University extension	Education Training Advocacy	no	Classes and training in gardening, vegetable preparation and safety Free "help line" for gardening questions.
Long Beach Organic	N/A	South Bay	Los Angeles	1994	Promote sustainable organic gardening practices and local food production in an urban environment.	School gardens Educational programs Organic nursery Community resource center	Nonprofit Organization	Education Advocacy	no	Established four local community gardens Garden education programs in local schools Plant nursery
Wetlands Management and Restoration Projects										
Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project	N/A	All	All	2001	Acquire, restore and expand coastal wetlands and watersheds throughout Southern California.	Wetlands restoration	State Initiative	Restoration plans Fund-raising Implementation Maintenance and monitoring	no	Ventura River Parkway Bolsa Chica Wetland Restoration, Huntington Beach Colorado Lagoon Restoration, Long Beach